

 <b>Kent Police</b>	Chief officer of Police Objection Notice in relation to a Temporary Event Notice given under Part 5 Section 100 Licensing Act 2003 (S104 Licensing Act 2003) amended by S115(1) and (2) b The Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011
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**Details of person making objection**

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**The Chief Officer of Police has received a Temporary Event Notice under Section 100 Licensing Act 2003, and under Section 104 of that Act, as amended by Section 114 (1) and (7) of the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011, asks the Licensing Authority to consider this objection in respect of the following licensing objective**

The prevention of crime and disorder	x
The prevention of public nuisance	x
Public Safety	x
The protection of children from harm	x

**Details of Temporary Event**

Date(s) of the event	31/08/2012 – 02/09/2012
Licensable activities proposed	Sale of Alcohol, provision of late night refreshment and Regulated Entertainment
Hours of licensable activities	17:00 hours 31/08/2012 – 02:00 hours 02/09/2012
Name of premises	Eden Park
Address of premises	Den Cross Edenbridge Kent TN8 5PW
Date TEN received by police	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 2012
Date objection notice given to the Licensing Authority and premises user	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August 2012

**Due to the circumstances of this case, I am satisfied that allowing the premises to be used in accordance with the notice would undermine the above licensing objective(s) because :**

The applicant has not submitted any supporting documentation outlining the measures that will be taken to effectively manage and control this event. This event is a music festival, albeit on a smaller scale, where people would be camping on the grounds overnight. There are numerous considerations that should be comprehensively covered by a full licence application and consultation process. There are many potential risk factors at an event of this type, and the police concern is that a temporary event notification is insufficient to enable the applicant and indeed the police to confirm and ensure all reasonable measures are being taken to promote the licensing objectives.

The police licensing officer for the Sevenoaks District, PC Mark Beresford, has contacted the applicant by phone, but was unable to meet him in person as he is currently on holiday overseas. An in depth discussion took place over the phone, and it was confirmed that the applicant does not have experience in holding such events, and this would be the first event at this location. The location is not covered by a premises licence, and as such conditions cannot be added to this notification.

The applicant has shown willingness to negotiate and compromise, and from the telephone conversation there appears to have been some level of control measures taken. However it is not possible to cover all considerations over a phonecall, and without being able to attach binding conditions any agreements would be verbal only. This is simply not an acceptable level of risk to take at an event such as this.

**Suggested modifications that could be added to the temporary event notice to remedy the objection or other suggestions the Licensing Committee may take into account are:**

A festival of this nature needs to be covered by a full licence, a temporary event without the ability to add conditions is not suitable. Reducing numbers or times is not a sufficient control measure.

It is recommended that the applicant cancels the event and considers applying for a premises licence. This would also include an Event Management Plan specific to this event outlining the details of what the event involves and how it will be controlled.

This plan should cover the following as a minimum, but not be restricted to:

Management of traffic to and from the site

Security provisions including numbers of stewards working during the festival

Steward/Security duties and how they will be briefed/trained and what level of experience they have in events

Safety provisions for persons staying on site (if overnight camping is provided for any persons)

Risk assessments should be provided identifying each potential hazard and evaluating the risk posed, the level of the risk and measures taken to reduce risks.

Emergency procedures to be followed by the organisers – including communication to emergency services, event team on site and the public.

Fire, Medical and Welfare provisions

Detailed site plan showing layout of structures and access routes

Signed:

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012

Print Name Mark Beresford

Force number PC 9923